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NEW MOTION PICTURE ON IDENTIFYING DUCKS RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

"Know Your Ducks," motion picture emphasizing the increasing importance of positive identification of waterfowl by hunters, has been released for free showing by the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of the Interior. The film is available through Regional Offices of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

"Know Your Ducks" is a 14-minute 16 mm sound-and-color film urging hunters to permit waterfowl to come closer to them so positive identification can be made. The film comments that correct identification by duck hunters will permit species management to continue as an important working tool of waterfowl biologists. Species management means regulating the harvest differently for the various kinds of ducks--protecting some completely, limiting the kill of others, and liberalizing the take of those which are in good supply.

Through live action, animation, and other techniques, "Know Your Ducks" shows characteristics used for field identification of several popular species of ducks.

The film opens with a hunting sequence showing waterfowling as a great American sport. It then points out that experience is the best background for identifying ducks. Hunters are urged to study ducks before they start shooting. The use of a field guide also is encouraged.

Popular hunted ducks are divided into two basic categories: The dabbling or puddle ducks and the divers. Characteristics of both while feeding and taking off are depicted.

The film then reveals the differences among such dabbling ducks as the shoveller, American widgeon, mallard, black duck, wood duck, pintail, gadwall, and green-winged teal. Diving duck sequences cover the canvasback, redhead, ringneck, scaup, American goldeneye, ruddy, and bufflehead.

"Know Your Ducks" is the first in a series of films designed to promote better identification of waterfowl.

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